

## Invaders <sup>9/20/68</sup> Begin Walk In Arkansas

Lance (Sweet Willie Wine) Watson, accompanied by three other members of the Memphis group known as the Invaders, began a march today from West Memphis to Little Rock.

An unidentified Negro man from Forrest City, Ark., also joined the march. A Forrest City woman drove alongside the marchers in a truck carrying food and water.

The group arrived at Proctor, Ark., shortly before noon, a distance of about 10 miles. At Blackfish Lake at 1 p.m. there were 17 marching.

Watson's decision to march was made after two Forrest City ministers announced they were postponing for 30 days a proposed "poor people's march" from West Memphis to Little Rock.

Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller in a prepared statement last night urged that all Arkansans "completely ignore" Watson's march. TV newsmen and others swarmed around the area.

The march began about 8 a.m. near City Hall on old Highway 70.

Watson plans to climax his walk with a rally Sunday in Little Rock on the capitol steps.

The first day's walk was to end in Forrest City and continue on tomorrow.

A West Memphis police man told The Press-Scimitar that 65 Arkansas State Police were patrolling the vicinity.

Watson said as he began the march, "I am going to walk down the highway from West Memphis to Little Rock to see if it's safe for black people to walk along Arkansas highways."